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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD
OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

In the Matter of

Tammy L. Hankins, P.A.

Holder of License No. **2228**
For the Performance of Healthcare Tasks
In the State of Arizona.

**Case No. PA-11-0127A
INTERIM ORDER FOR PRACTICE
RESTRICTION AND CONSENT TO
SAME**

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Tammy L. Hankins, P.A. ("Physician Assistant") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Order for Practice Restriction; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of Physician Assistants in the State of Arizona.

2. Physician Assistant is the holder of license number 2228 for the performance of health care tasks in the State of Arizona.

3. On November 1, 2011, the Board received a complaint alleging that the Physician Assistant has been prescribing abnormally large quantities of controlled substances, including narcotics. Subsequently, a police report was obtained indicating that Physician Assistant's ex-husband and former supervising physician alleged that Physician Assistant was excessively prescribing and possibly abusing controlled substances. As a result of the allegations, the Board referred the Physician Assistant to the Physician Health Program for an Assessment to be completed November 8, 2011.

1 4. On November 8, 2011, the Physician Assistant notified Board Staff that she
2 is unable to report for the assessment as required due to lack of funds.

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5 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

6 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
7 Physician Assistant.

8 2. The Executive Director has authority to enter into this consent agreement to
9 restrict the Physician Assistant's practice based upon evidence of danger to the public
10 health and safety pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2505(C)(23).

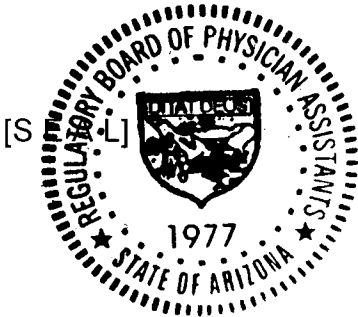
11 **ORDER**

12 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

13 1. Physician Assistant's practice is restricted in that she shall not perform
14 health care tasks in the State of Arizona and is prohibited from prescribing any form of
15 treatment including prescription medications until Physician Assistant applies to the Board
16 and receives permission to do so. The Board may require any combination of staff
17 approved assessments, evaluations, treatments, examinations or interviews it finds
18 necessary to assist in determining whether Physician Assistant is able to safely resume
19 such practice.

20 2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the
21 pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

1 DATED this 8th day of November, 2011.



ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD
OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

By *Lisa S. Wynn*
Lisa S. Wynn, Executive Director

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

7 1. Physician Assistant has read and understands this Order for Interim Practice
8 Restriction and Consent to Same and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law
9 and Order ("Order"). Physician Assistant acknowledges she has the right to consult with
10 legal counsel regarding this matter.

11 2. Physician Assistant acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into
12 freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such
13 entry.

14 3. By consenting to this Order, Physician Assistant voluntarily relinquishes any
15 rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to
16 challenge this Order in its entirety as issued, and waives any other cause of action related
17 thereto or arising from said Order.

18 4. The Interim Order is not effective until approved and signed by the Executive
19 Director.

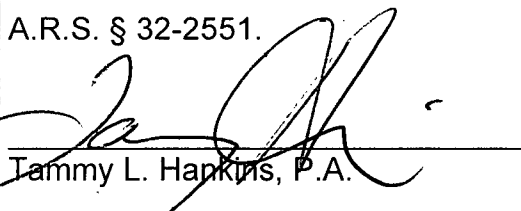
20 5. All admissions made by Physician Assistant are solely for final disposition of
21 this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation
22 involving the Board and Physician Assistant. Therefore, said admissions by Physician
23 Assistant are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another
24 state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court
25 proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

1 6. Upon signing this Interim Order, and returning this document (or a copy
2 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Physician Assistant may not revoke the consent
3 to the entry of the Order. Physician Assistant may not make any modifications to the
4 document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless
5 mutually approved by the parties.

6 7. This Interim Order is a public document that will be publicly disseminated as
7 a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank
8 and on the Board's website.

9 8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the
10 remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

11 9. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result
12 in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § 32-2501(21)(dd) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation
13 agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director.") and
14 A.R.S. § 32-2551.

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17 Tammy L. Hankins, P.A.

DATED: 11/8/11

18 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
19 this 8th day of November, 2011 to:

20 Tammy L. Hankins, P.A.
21 Address of Record

22 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
23 this 8th day of November, 2011 with:

24 Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants
25 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
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